

# Hint Fulbright Probing Zionists

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Washington, May 17—There were increasing indications today that the next target in Sen. Fulbright's investigation of foreign lobbying may be the American Zionist movement.

Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee refuses to confirm or deny the prospect. But the probing of staff investigators suggests that Israeli and American Judaism may be under scrutiny.

Fulbright (D-Ark.), though recognized as fair and judicious in many areas of foreign policy, has been severely criticized in the past for his charges that this country's Israeli policy is determined by Jewish pressure groups.

In 1950 he was quoted as saying that an amendment to the foreign aid bill empowering the President to withhold assistance to Egypt for blockading the Suez Canal was offered "not because of the over-all good of the U.S. but because of the existence of a pressure group in the U.S. which seeks to inject the Arab-Israeli dispute into domestic politics."

The American Jewish Congress has accused Fulbright of questioning the loyalty of all American Jews who support the state Dept.

codling of the United Arab Republic."

Several weeks ago, Fulbright addressed the American Council on Judaism, an anti-Zionist Jewish organization. Although he did not discuss affairs in the Middle East, his presence was interpreted as showing sympathy to the ACJ position.

Jewish leaders are not concerned about an investigation into genuine foreign lobbies, which are not in themselves illegal. Israel, like most countries, has several Americans registered as lobbyist in its cause. Thomas E. Dewey, Dean Acheson, George Ball and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. have all been foreign lobbyists.

The apprehension is based on the possibility that Fulbright might seek to question the loyalty of American Jews who, out of conviction, advocate pro-Israeli causes.

Fulbright's investigation has been directed toward the unhealthy influences of foreign lobbyists on U. S. foreign policy. He is currently focused on West German lobbying efforts.